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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON LOCAL CONTROL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Joint legislative task force on local control:
3 membership: duties

4 A. The joint legislative task force on local control is established
5 consisting of the following members:

6 1. Three members of the house of representatives, no more than two of
7 whom are members of the same political party, who are appointed by the
8 speaker of the house of representatives.

9 2. Three members of the senate, no more than two of whom are members
10 of the same political party, who are appointed by the president of the
11 senate.

12 3. One member who has expertise in school finance and who is appointed
13 by the president of the senate.

14 4. One member who is an attorney licensed to practice law in this
15 state, who has expertise in education law and who is appointed by the speaker
16 of the house of representatives.

17 5. One member who is an attorney licensed to practice law in this
18 state, who has expertise in education law and who is appointed by the
19 president of the senate.

20 6. One member who is a member of a school district governing board of
21 a small school district as defined in section 15-901, Arizona Revised
22 Statutes, and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
23 representatives.

24 7. One member who is a member of a school district governing board of
25 a unified school district and who is appointed by the president of the
26 senate.

27 8. One member who is a member of a school district governing board of
28 a small isolated school district as defined in section 15-901, Arizona
29 Revised Statutes, and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
30 representatives.

31 9. One member who is a school district administrator and who is
32 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

33 10. One member who is a teacher and who is appointed by the president
34 of the senate.

35 11. The governor or the governor's designee.

36 B. The task force shall elect a chairperson and a cochairperson from
37 the members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members.

38 C. The task force shall thoroughly examine title 15, Arizona Revised
39 Statutes, and recommend proposed changes to restore local control to school
40 district governing boards.

41 D. The task force shall submit a report that summarizes its findings
42 and recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate and the
43 speaker of the house of representatives on or before December 15, 2006. A
44 copy of this report shall be delivered to the secretary of state and the
45 director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

1 Sec. 2. Intent

2 It is the intent of the legislature to reinstate authority to local
3 school district governing boards. Local school district governing boards are
4 vested with the responsibility to educate pupils in our public schools and to
5 carry out the vision of the local community and its taxpayers. Local school
6 boards should be held accountable for those results, both in regard to
7 academic achievement as well as to local voters at election, with the least
8 amount of state intervention.

9 Sec. 3. Delayed repeal

10 This act is repealed from and after December 31, 2006.